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Marine Corps conducts feasibility study

Marine Corps Base, QUANTICO, Va. – The U.S. Marine Corps is conducting an objective study to assess the need for a lodging and/or conference center facility and improvement of the Marine Corps Heritage Center site at Marine Corps Base Quantico.

The feasibility study will look at the potential construction from the perspective of customer demand, market competition, facility costs and viability. The study is only an exploratory measure at this time. No definite plans have been made to construct such a facility.

If constructed, the hotel and/or conference center will be an integral part of the Marine Corps Heritage Center, along with the National Museum of the Marine Corps and Semper Fidelis Memorial Park, the overarching purpose of which is to honor the contributions U.S. Marines have made in preserving American freedom and interests during the past and present.

The National Museum of the Marine Corps opened its doors Nov. 10 and has already received more than 250,000 visitors.

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